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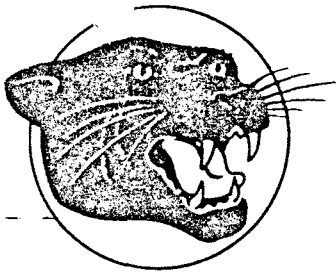
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CHARLESTON, IL--Sophomore distance freestyler Greg Freebeck (South Holland-Thornwood) set two school records in leading Eastern Illinois University's Panthers to second place in the Mid-Continent Conference championship recently.

Freebeck won the 1650 yard freestyle in 16:07.2, a little more than a tenth of a second off the previous best.

Enroute to that winning effort he surpassed the 1000 yard mark in a record 9:45.2, which is "considered a record because it was an official time during the 1650 race," said Coach Ray Padovan.

Freebeck also won the 500 freestyle in 4:41.3.

"Greg had a strong conference meet but then he has had a good year right from the beginning," said Padovan. "He did a good job in Florida in a free swim during the Christmas holidays, and was one of a few who escaped illness during the winter so was able to swim tough all season.

"Greg was an unheralded high school swimmer who had developed some quality times and gain considerable respect in our conference."

EIU was a strong second in the conference with 455 points behind two-time champ Southwest Missouri with 482.